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GAMEDAY INSIDER

MARCH 29, 2012 / 7:30 P.M. / BLACKHAWKS VS. ST. LOUIS BLUES / UNITED CENTER TV: CSN-CH / RADIO: WGN AM-720



TEAM COMPARISON



42-26-9 (93 pts)

RECORD (POINTS)

48-20-9 (105 pts)

Overall: 9th
Conference: 6th Western
Division: 4th Central

STANDINGS

Overall: 2nd
Conference: 1st Western
Division: 1st Central

2.94 (6th)

GOALS FOR/GAME

2.53 (T-19th)

2.82 (22nd)

GOALS AGAINST/GAME

1.80 (1st)

15.3% (25th)

POWER PLAY

17.2% (T-14th)

78.6% (T-26th)

PENALTY KILL

85.3% (7th)

6-2-2

LAST 10 GAMES

6-2-2

Marian Hossa (29G, 45A) Patrick Sharp (30G, 34A) Patrick Kane (20G, 40A)

TOP THREE SCORERS

David Backes (23G, 30A) T.J. Oshie (19G, 33A) Alex Pietrangelo (12G, 37A)

No. 2 – Duncan Keith (suspension) No. 19 – Jonathan Toews (upper body) No. 20 – Sami Lepisto (lower body)

NOTABLE ABSENCES

No. 10 – Andy McDonald (upper body) No. 36 – Matt D'Agostini (upper body) No. 46 – Roman Polak (lower body)

March 31 @ NSH April 1 vs. MIN April 5 @ MIN April 7 @ DET

NEXT FOUR GAMES

March 31 vs. CBJ April 4 vs. DET April 6 vs. PHX April 7 @ DAL

No. 50 – Corey Crawford (27-17-6 / 2.75 GAA)

PROBABLE GOALIE

No. 41 – Jaroslav Halak (25-11-6 / 1.90 GAA)

2011-12 SERIES: BLACKHAWKS vs. ST. LOUIS BLUES

GAME 1: Blues 3, BLACKHAWKS 0 – Scottrade Center (11/08/11) GAME 2: BLACKHAWKS 5, Blues 2 – Scottrade Center (12/03/11) GAME 3: BLACKHAWKS 3, Blues 1 – United Center (02/19/12)

GAME 4: Blues 5, BLACKHAWKS 1 – Scottrade Center (03/06/12)

GAME 5: BLACKHAWKS 4, Blues 3 (SO) – United Center (03/13/12)

GAME 6: March 29, 2012 – United Center

LAST MEETING: BLACKHAWKS 4. Blues 3 (SO) – United Center (03/13/12)

ALL-TIME vs. STL: 134-107-35-4

NOTES

The Blackhawks and Blues play for the sixth and final time in the 2011-12 regular season tonight. Chicago is 3-2 in the series and will try to maintain their win streak over STL at the United Center, where they haven't lost since Feb. 3, 2010.

Brent Seabrook scored his eighth goal of the season on Tuesday at NJD, one away from last year's career high of nine. Seabrook ranks third among Western Conference defensemen with 187 hits and fourth with 160 blocked shots this season.

Andrew Shaw is one of just three NHL players to log 19 or more points in 32 or fewer games this season, along with Sidney Crosby (4G, 21A in 16 games) and STL's Andy McDonald (9G, 10A in 21 games). Shaw leads the three with 11 goals, all at even strength.

With a win over the Blues and a PHX regulation loss vs. SJS tonight, the Blackhawks can clinch a spot in the 2012 Stanley Cup Playoffs. It will mark the fourth consecutive season that Chicago has booked a place in the postseason.